CHAPTER II

THE GLOBAL PEACE FOUNDATION AT A GLANCE

This part explains the general overview of Global Peace Foundation. As the writer explained in the previous chapter, GPF is an international non-governmental organization that concern on peacebuilding, education, entrepreneurship, and youth leadership development. This chapter contains GPF's historical background, profile, leadership, approach and its program toward peacebuilding.

A. The Historical Background of Global Peace Foundation

Global Peace Foundation established in 2009 with Dr Hyun Jin Preston Moon as the founder and chairman. He established GPF for he was inspired by his experience when he visited Paraguay in 2008. Hyun met many humble, truthful, and friendly people even with strangers. Hyun also impressed with the value of Paraguay's tradition that emphasize on the importance of ethics and values in social life.

Sometimes people have a big dream but they were desperate to make it happen. According to Hyun, every people need to hold the principles values, people also need to change themselves, and bring changes for a better life (Moon, 2014). Many social problems caused by people did not hold the universal values and principles, such as mutual respect and care. In dealing with this problem it needs social transformation. Hyun argued that social engagement could make social awareness and build social transformation. He also stated that a leader needs to build social awareness in its society by

instilling principles and values based on their belief (Moon, 2014). This model can be realized through civil movement that provided in NGO. Through this model, Hyun has a dream to build a family under God without differentiating its nation, race, and religion.

In 2008, Hyun arranged a peace festival and youth service project. The project called as Global Peace Festival Foundation (GPFF). Afterwards GPFF formally incorporated in 2009. In 2012, GPFF renamed into Global Peace Foundation (GPF). The name changes in order to make it more relevant with its motion and reflect the broader scope around the world. Through this organization, Hyun tries to build social cohesion and creates one family under God.

B. The Profile of Global Peace Foundation

Based on GPF website, Global Peace Foundation is an international non-sectarian, non-partisan, nonprofit organization, which promotes an innovative, values-based approach to peacebuilding, guided by the vision of One Family under God (Global Peace Foundation : About Us, n.d).

GPF has vision "One Family under God", simple vision but has deep meaning. GPF believes that all people have the same identity. Even there are many differences between all people, such as race, nationality, religion, or culture, they are same under God and become one family. While GPF's mission is to promote an innovative, values-based approach to peacebuilding (Global Peace Foundation : About Us, n.d).

The headquarters of GPF is located in Washington D.C., United States of America (USA). GPF has offices in Asia, Africa, USA, and Europe with 24 branch offices worldwide. GPF focuses on social activities, especially on peacebuilding, interfaith dialogue, volunteerism, and youth leadership.

GPF believes that universal principles and shared values are important to build social cohesion. The principles are (Global Peace Foundation: Our Vision, n.d) :

1. All people have intrinsic value, dignity, and fundamental rights, as endowed by the Creator

2. Every person has a spiritual and moral essence, as his or her highest attribute.

3. Our human nature finds its fullest expression and meaning in relation to others

4. People develop their innate potential through their choices and actions. Freedom and responsibility are intrinsically linked.

5. Understanding our shared identity and common aspirations as members of the human family establishes the basis for lasting peace. It is the foundation for respect, emphaty and shared responsibility beyond the boundaries of ethnicity, religion, and nationality.

From this principles, the writer can interpret that all people have equal right given by God since they born, and basically they also have morality or proper behavior such as affection, tolerance, respect, responsibility, honest, and so forth. As social beings, human cannot live alone without others. So, people

must socialize with others to build good relations through mutual respect and understanding. People also have their freedom to act or to choose anything in their life, but they also have their responsibility upon their choice or action. These principles become GPF's reference to build peace and social cohesion.

In building social cohesion GPF uses four methods. The methods are (Global Peace Foundation: Our Approach, 2015) :

1. Builds broad awareness of the central importance of universal principles and shared values as the basis for social cohesion and peacebuilding

2. Develops a multi-sector movement of moral and innovative leaders who work in partnership to address the critical issues of conflict and underdevelopment in communities, nations and regions.

3. Empowers families as the primary means of instilling values and promotes an education culture that fosters character and creativity, to guide youth to become ethical global citizens

4. Builds comprehensive, collaborative models of sustainable community and national development that enable all to achieve fulfillment and material well-being

From this method, the writer inteprete that GPF concerns on building the awareness of universal values. Because sometimes people did not fully realize it, GPF believes that universal values able to bind the society. When society is bound then the social cohesion will be established and there will be no problem anymore. In solving social problem, the writer sees that GPF tries to engage the

leader with morality and innovative thought that care and able to solve social problem. GPF works together with those leaders with same vision in building peace. GPF also engages multi sector partnership in running its movement. In instilling universal values and principles, the writer sees that GPF uses family as the main group in instilling its values and principles. In family, people are educated to have good character and creativity in facing the problem. GPF wishes that youth are educated to become ethical people in its family. Moreover, the last thing that the writer sees in GPF method is that GPF concerns in building community and develop its nation to realize welfare of society.

C. The Global Peace Foundation Approach

Global Peace Foundation has promoted its vision which is One Family under God through three essential aspects called as unique approach to peacebuilding (Global Peace Foundation: Our Approach, 2015), which are

1. Building interfaith leadership

There are many problems caused by the religious conflict in social life. In solving this problem, it is needed a fundamental change in heart and spirit. Faith leadership is really needed to help bring such a change. GPF argues that the faith leaders are important to affirm the shared value based on the faith teaching. GPF believes the faith leaders are able to solve the problem through transcend the differences. Based on this approach, GPF tries to cooperate interfaith leaders to build a common ground of all faiths and creates a peaceful coexistence in diverse societies. GPF

encourages all faith leaders to work collaboratively to advance peaceful reconciliation.

2. Strengthening families

The family is an intimate environment as an ideal institution for teaching and learning values. GPF believes that family is a basis of peace and social cohesion. GPF sees the relation within a family is an instrumental to create a positive relation in social life. In the family environment, people learn to socialize with others in good ethical and develop the sense of social responsibility. GPF believes that through this model of family is able to create One Family under God. GPF tries to integrate home, school, and community environments to advance human development and foster social cohesion.

3. Building a global culture of service

Basically, service gives opportunities for a learning experience that can cultivate leadership and good character. As a human, people responsible for respecting others and protecting the natural environment. Service is an evidence of a sense of responsibility. GPF is committed to create a global culture of service as a volunteer from all racial and religious background. GPF provides international and cross-cultural service as a media for people to appreciate differences and creates a peaceful relation.

In promoting GPF values, GPF does it through its programs that can inspire, influence, and empower people to gain "experience learning". GPF

believes that "experience learning" is a sustained impact that can shape people's personality. Through creating people personality, GPF can realize its vision which is One Family under God. Another method is by encouraging partnership with many parties which have the same vision in peacebuilding, such as governments, non-profit organizations, cooperations, and communities.

The classification of NGO's orientation is divided into four: charitable orientation; service orientation; participatory orientation; and empowering orientation (Sushant, 2010). Based on GPF approaches, GPF is classified as a NGO that have participatory and empowering orientations. It is because GPF tries to engage all societies and empowering them in solving social problems and realizing GPF's vision. Through this orientations, GPF as a civil society organization creates a grassroot movement in building peace beyond all identities.

According to Martti Ahtisaari, Nobel Peace Prize winner, mediation does not a state leader's responsibility only, but also the society. In building peace it requires all societies' contribution and cooperation all various actors (Korpela, 2016). Based on this idea, GPF has engaged all various parties in solving social problems and has created social cohesion. It can be seen from the approaches of GPF that explained above. GPF called as ideological movement caused runs its movement based on its ideas "One Family under God". The goal of this movement is to create a global change which is a better social order where the society is coexisting

peacefully without disputes. In realizing these circumstances, GPF is engaging the world population and mobilize them together build its vision. Therefore, based on Four NGO's generation by David Korten (Korten, 1990), GPF is classified as people movement which is tries to create social transformation in society.

D. The Leadership Structure of Global Peace Foundation

Global Peace Foundation has established and led by Dr Hyun Jin Preston Moon since 2009. GPF has a structure from international until branch offices that control the running of GPF programs around the world. In order to facilitate the coordination between each branch office, GPF have regional representative and country director in each region. GPF also has a council called as Global Leadership Council. The Global Leadership Council of GPF is a group of leader comprised of international leaders in business, philanthropy, government, faith-based social action who shares the vision of GPF, which is One Family under God as a peace model (Global Peace Foundation: The Global Leadership Council, n.d). This council is comprised of prominent leader that support GPF's movement based on its relations and commitment with GPF. The members of this council have an important role in planning strategy, resource development, and working assessment of GPF. The members also facilitate intercultural and interfaith cooperation, strengthen families, and advance a culture of global service. Until 2014 the council is consisted of twelve people around the world.

E. The Program of Global Peace Foundation

Global Peace Foundation is working to foster the moral and innovative leadership to resolve world problems. GPF has initiated programs that serve as models of innovative approaches to persistent problems of social conflict and under development across the world to create global peace (Dr. Hyun Jin Preston Moon, n.d). GPF's programs support social cohesion and peacebuilding, promote moral and innovative leadership, empower families and build development models. There are ten programs of GPF, which are;

1. Global Peace Convention

The Global Peace Convention is international forums that share strategies in educations, health care, environmental sustainability, community-driven development, and conflict resolution. In this forum, all GPF's partners, such as non-profit organization, academician, business, and faith community are gathering to solve the problems by involving the government of the related state. The objective of this forum is to bring peace and social progress. There are several themes that assigned by GPF in its convention, such as understanding and preventing identity-based conflict, building peace through trade and investment, peacebuilding in East Asia and Korean unification. Another forum organized by GPF is Global Peace Award, an awarding forum for those who have integrity and commitment to build world peace.

2. Global Peace Interfaith

GPF believes that all religionist has responsibility for bridging the differences, solve the conflict, and build ethical societies. GPF with religious leader try to build and sustain peace. In this part, GPF's projects are a campaign for American renewal, U-GEN, safe haven campaign, and interfaith alliance to abolish human trafficking.

3. Global Peace Youth

GPF believes that youth are able to solve the problem. The youth division of GPF has a mission to educate young people to become a leader with moral and innovative capacity. GPF tries to make world peace through a movement of young leader from a different religion, culture, nationality, and so forth. Toward this mission, GPF is empowering youth through several projects such as International Young Leaders Assembly, Global Peace Youth Exchange, Global Peace Volunteers, and U-GEN.

4. Global Peace Education

In this program, the education division works with educators and governments around the world to guarantee all students graduate successfully and be ready to face the real life. This vision attained by making education more relevant and comprehensive. There are three projects that GPF's education division organize, which are character and creativity, leap hubs, and transforming education webinar series.

5. Identity - Based Conflict

   Identity – based conflict often impact on human rights violations. Global Peace Foundation is active in fifteen states arranged international and national forums that promote one family under God regardless of ethnicity, religion, and nationality. GPF's projects in this part are one family under God campaign and U-GEN.

6. Regional Peacebuilding

   Global Peace Foundation used an uncommon approach to create peacebuilding based on shared aspiration and universal values. In this program, GPF focuses on unsolved Korean peninsula problem. Since 2011 GPF has built a global movement to create a peaceful resolution for the problem between South Korea and North Korea based on honoured values by Korean people. GPF build regional peacebuilding through its projects which are Action for Korea United and open dialogue series.

7. Global Peace Development

   Global Peace Development is community-based development program that executes to cherish family self-reliance in the communities. Global Peace Development programs include workshop, training, and development activity that promote education, health, economic development and security. GPF believes that these programs can be effective ways to crack the cycle of poverty and dependence. In this program, GPF uses a community-based development approach by working with communities to support their self-reliance. Several projects in Global

Peace Development are the greenhouse for schools initiative, family self-reliance model in Kandengwa, vermiculture project in Cabo, and goat farming.

8. Global Peace Leadership

Leadership is an important factor in defining the success of a human enterprise. Global Peace Foundation has programs in promoting moral and innovative leadership that can give advantage to society. The projects are International Young Leaders Assembly (IYLA), Global Peace Leadership Exchange, and Institute for Development of Thought, Latin American Presidential Election.

9. Global Peace Women

Global Peace Foundation believes that women have unique abilities and important role in foster peace. Global Peace Women is a network for women in building peace based on shared values. Global Peace Women committed promoting kindness and building peace in long term. The missions are promoted women's rights and women's leadership, and develop the inherent value of women. The goal of Global Peace Women is women are able to contribute to build a happy family, good society, and a peaceful world. Toward this goal, Global Peace Women has several projects to achieve its goal. The projects are education and advocacy for women, women community service, and women networking.

10. Northeast Asia Peace

Global Peace Foundation has promoted Korean unification since its founding. GPF has engaged several partners arranged international conferences and academic forums assisted with diverse public education and humanitarian campaigns and civil society partnership to raise the awareness of unification. The projects are Action for Korea United and Korean Unification forum series.

GPF's programs have operated in Africa, Asia, Europe and America. In running the programs GPF encourages people to take their responsibilities toward the problem. GPF believes that social problem is a problem that must be solved and changed together. This change can be happened when every person has vision and sense of responsibility to provide a solution and participate in the process of social change (Moon, Accomplishing Peace through Service, 2017). In dealing with it, GPF engages public and private partners and creates a global network of multi-sector partners such as governments, interfaith organization, business, non-profit sector and also United Nations offices in achieving its goal. Through its programs, GPF tries to develop a community and makes a peacebuilding model as the base of cohesive societies.